

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 10, 2017

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Secretary Kavita Kale called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Norman J. Saari, Commissioner  
Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

Staff: Kavita Kale  
Sally Wallace  
Judy Palnau  
Al Freeman  
Patrick Hudson  
Derrell Slaughter  
Gloria Pearl Jones

Public: Donald G. Hazzard  
Karen Wienke, Consumers Energy Company  
Antonette Noakes, Consumers Energy  
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA  
Candace Gonzales, Consumers Energy  
Kwafo Adarkwa, ITC

- I.** Commissioner Saari moved to approve today's amended agenda, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The amended agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Saari moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of January 31, 2017, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

### **III. ORDERS**

#### **A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-12798 AT&T MICHIGAN AND BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC  
U-17118 AT&T MICHIGAN AND TC3 TELECOM, INC.  
(interconnection agreements and amendments)

Case No. U-12798 et al. requests Commission approval of interconnection agreements and amendments. The order before you approves the requests. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-14041 COMLINK, L.L.C.  
(license surrender)

Case No. U-14041 involves a request filed by Comlink, L.L.C., to surrender its license to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you grants the license surrender. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

#### **B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-18186 LAURA L. PIASCIK v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Case No. U-18186 involves a complaint filed by Laura L. Piascik against Consumers Energy Company. The order dismisses the complaint at the request of the complainant. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-18192 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(RASR Rider EC2 tariff)  
U-14025 STRATEGIC ENERGY, L.L.C. v THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

Case No. U-18192 et al. involves an ex parte application by DTE Electric Company for approval to amend its Retail Access Service Rider, Rider EC2 tariff, and to terminate the 45-Day Enrollment Standard Compliance Report requirement established on April 28, 2005, in Case No. U-14025 et al. The order before you approves the ex parte application. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18228 NATIONAL CHOICE ENERGY, LLC  
(AES application withdrawal)

Case No. U-18228 involves an application filed by National Choice Energy, LLC, for a license to operate as an alternative electric supplier in the state of Michigan. The order before you dismisses the application without prejudice at the request of the applicant. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

**C. GAS**

1. U-18112 WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION  
(’17 GCR plan)

Case No. U-18112 involves an application filed by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for approval of its gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12-month period ending October 31, 2017. The order before you

approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 10, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Donald Hazzard, Ypsilanti, Michigan, expressed his concerns regarding the Nexus Pipeline related to DTE Energy Company (DTE), which included: 1) worries of DTE seeking last minute recommendations and approvals; 2) a lack of information and details of the type of pipe DTE proposes to use; 3) inquisition and apprehensions of what method will be used to test their pipeline to ensure that it is safe and in good working condition; and 4) the criticalness for the use of a similar Powerhouse piping testing method since it is going through a school district. He also mentioned a natural gas line explosion that most recently occurred in Louisiana contributes to his safety and preventive maintenance concerns. Chairman Talberg stated that this issue is pending before FERC.

An audio recording of the proceedings of the February 10, 2017 meeting is archived in podcast format at: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/MPSC\\_February\\_10\\_2017\\_551415\\_7.mp3](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/MPSC_February_10_2017_551415_7.mp3).

Chairman Talberg announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on February 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks  
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

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Kavita Kale  
Executive Secretary